

Event Report on Seminar on Intellectual Property Rights: Protecting Innovation and Creativity under Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP) – Student Awareness Programme

- **Date:** 27th January 2026
- **Time & Venue:** 11:00 a.m. onwards, Assembly Hall, M. N. College, Visnagar
- **Organized By:** Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP) Committee in collaboration with the Innovation Club
- Programme Coordinators: Dr. Pooja U. Sharma and Dr. Mayur M. Patel
- **Committee Members:** - Dr. Prakash Asnani, Dr. Kiransinh Rathod, Dr. Rajesh Senma, Dr. Nirali Vora, Dr. Jignesh Dalvadi, Dr. Mittal Chaudhary, Dr. Ishan Khatri, Dr. P. A. Gehlot, Dr. Prahlad Chaudhary, Dr. Kiran Patel, Dr. Sejal Joshi
- **Institutional Support:**

The programme was conducted under the guidance of **Hon. Principal Dr. R. D. Modh** and **IQAC Coordinator Dr. K. M. Joshi**, as part of continuous efforts to strengthen the **innovation, research, and startup ecosystem** in alignment with SSIP.

1. Background and Rationale

Under the framework of the **Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP)**, creating awareness about innovation protection mechanisms is a crucial component of student development.

In today's knowledge-driven and innovation-centric ecosystem, **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)** play a vital role in safeguarding ideas, research outputs, and creative works. For students actively engaged in innovation, startups, and research activities, understanding IPR is essential for transforming ideas into protected and market-ready assets.

Recognizing this need, the SSIP Committee organized this seminar as a **Student Awareness Programme** to sensitize students and faculty about:

- The significance of IPR in innovation and startups
- Legal protection of ideas and research
- Strategic use of IPR in academic and entrepreneurial growth

2. Objectives of the Programme

The seminar was organized with the following objectives:

- To create awareness about various forms of Intellectual Property Rights
- To educate students on the importance of protecting innovation and creativity
- To provide basic understanding of IPR filing procedures and legal frameworks
- To encourage students to protect their ideas, projects, and research outputs
- To strengthen the institutional ecosystem of innovation, research, and entrepreneurship under SSIP

3. Inaugural Session

The seminar began with an inaugural session in the presence of:

- Dr. S. K. Vyas, I/c Principal
- Dr. C. K. Chauhan, Convener, Research Committee

They emphasized the growing importance of IPR awareness in higher education, particularly in the context of:

- Research quality
- Startup development
- NAAC and NEP 2020 benchmarks

The session was formally inaugurated in the presence of the distinguished resource person:

- Mr. Amit Patel: Managing Partner, PATectual – IP Law Services LLP, Ahmedabad

4. Resource Person Profile

Mr. Amit Patel is a renowned expert in Intellectual Property Law with extensive experience in:

- Patent filing and prosecution
- Trademark and copyright registration
- Advisory services for startups and academic institutions

His practical exposure to industry and startups provided valuable real-world insights to participants.

5. Details of the Expert Session

The expert session delivered by Mr. Amit Patel focused on “Intellectual Property Rights – Protecting Innovation and Creativity” and was highly informative and interactive.

Key Topics Covered:

1. Introduction to Intellectual Property

- Concept and importance of intellectual property
- Role of IPR in innovation-driven economies

2. Types of Intellectual Property Rights

- Patents
- Trademarks
- Copyrights
- Industrial Designs
- Geographical Indications

3. Importance of IPR in Startups and Research

- Protection of innovative ideas
- Commercialization of research
- Competitive advantage in the market

4. IPR Registration Process

- Basic procedure for filing patents and trademarks
- Documentation and legal requirements
- Timeline and cost considerations



5. Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Public disclosure before filing
- Lack of documentation
- Ignoring legal protection at early stages

6. Case Studies and Practical Insights

- Real-life examples of innovation protection
- Industry-oriented approach to IPR

6. Interaction and Discussion Session

An engaging interaction session was conducted where students and faculty actively participated by asking questions related to:

- Patent filing for student projects
- Ownership of intellectual property
- Protection of research work
- IPR in startups

The resource person addressed all queries with practical clarity, making the session highly impactful.

7. Participation Details

The seminar witnessed active participation from students and faculty members across various disciplines, reflecting increasing awareness and interest in innovation and IPR.

8. Outcomes and Impact

The programme achieved significant outcomes under the SSIP awareness initiative:

- Enhanced awareness about IPR and its importance in innovation
- Improved understanding of legal and procedural aspects of IP protection
- Encouragement among students to protect their ideas and research outputs
- Strengthening of startup and innovation culture under SSIP
- Alignment with IQAC, NAAC, and NEP 2020 quality initiatives

9. Role of SSIP Committee

The SSIP Committee played a pivotal role in:

- Planning and organizing the seminar
- Creating awareness about innovation protection
- Providing a platform for expert interaction
- Promoting SSIP objectives at the institutional level

This programme is part of a continuous series of SSIP Student Awareness Activities aimed at nurturing innovation and entrepreneurship.

10. Conclusion

The seminar on “Intellectual Property Rights – Protecting Innovation and Creativity” was successfully conducted as a part of the SSIP Student Awareness Programme.

The session effectively:

- Bridged the gap between innovation and legal protection
- Empowered students with essential knowledge of IPR
- Encouraged a proactive approach towards safeguarding creativity

The programme significantly contributed to strengthening the institution’s innovation and research ecosystem, aligning with national educational and startup policies.